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## Painted Mules.

The great London circus and menagerie which has delighted our people for the past four days with its magnificent chariots, little elephants, tame tigers, acrobatic hyenas, diminutive ponies, and well-trained company of excellent artists broke camp late last night, and is in Alexandria, Va., from which place they will proceed on their Western tour.

One of the most puzzling zoological features

of this circus and menagerie was a couple of zebras trained to work in harness. From the time that the memory of man runneth not to the contrary it has been an established fact in the history of the animal kingdom that this striped species of horse could not possibly be brought under the control of the genus homo, yet the two specimens were in double harness. hitched up to a sort of phaeton, moving along our streets and avenues daily, with all the grace and ease of a first-class mule team. The average mind was content to believe what the circus men said about "them zebras," but readers of natural history and inquirers after knowledge began to smell "paint," and through the medium of the press want to know whether the people, not only of Washington, but elsewhere on the circuit of this show, have been fooled on the question of "tame zebras" by painted mules. Of the many communications received regarding the vexed question the following seems to demand that the matter should be set right by the Chronicle reporter: WASHINGTON, June 12, 1873.

To the editor of the Chronicle:

The diversified opinions entertained relative to the true status of 'them zebras,' which occasionally perambulate the avenues of this city, has been the fruitful cause of a deal of acrimonious debate among certain gentlemen of leisure, some asserting that it is preposterous to imagine the striped "animiles" to be anything but the genuine solidungulate mammal, direct importation from the wilds of Southern Africa, while their opponents indignantly repudiate any such doctrine, and are profuse in their arguments to prove them to be simply long-eared specimens of the mongrel breed, which have undergone the manipulations of a first-class artist.

As the matter now stands, the latter gentlemen seem to have rather the best of the arg ment, but the former being exceedingly spirited I apprehend that unless that ubiquitous reporter of yours comes to the rescue and settles the mat-ter definitely by the light of his superior knowledge, he will, ere long, be called upon to chronicle an event that will stir society to its very depths, wherein the "code" and its concomitants will play the prominent parts. Young. Our reporter, determined not to allow the

anxious inquirers to suffer, and with zeal worthy of a better cause, wended his way to the Sixth street lot last evening, and was soon in conversation with the keeper of "them zebras." The animals were browsing comfortably under the canvas in company with the ponies, and apparently unconcerned regarding the solution of the problem as to whether they were original simon pure zebras or mules that had been tampered with by the artists' brush.

The face and make up of the keeper indicated that he was of a social nature, in consequence of which our reporter asked him out 'to see a man''-notwithstanding the fact that he (our reporter) was in his normal sphere pecuniarily, or to use a circus phrase in this con-nection, "Not well fixed." The keeper, whose name was ascertained to be Gus, denied stoutly the imputation set forth that many supposed the zebras to be something else originally, and entered into an claborate account of their capture in central Africa by an attache of the Stapley expedition; their shipment to this country at an enormous expense; their final taming after great trouble, and his own efforts in breaking them to work in single or double

After a short walk the "man was seen," in fact several men were interviewed, and the reporter and Gus started back to the tent. Gus appeared to be a little more communicative on the home stretch, and after an intimation on the part of our reporter that another man could be seen if the truth of the matter could be speedily arrived at, Gus acknowledged that

DARNED THINGS WERE MULES,

bought in York State, were as white as the driven snow, and had to be painted once a week to keep up appearances. "The blasted pair," he said, "had given him more trouble than any other animal in the show, and he had received more cursing about keeping them properly painted than he was willing to stand much longer. He didn't hire as a painter, besides the mules kicked up blazes every time

Thanking Gus for this information, which the reporter explained to him would settle a mooted question in the animal kingdom, the twain proceeded to a neighboring stand for lemonade, ("ice cold,") and then separated.—

EXTRA PERFORMANCE AT A CIRCUS.—During a circus performance in Louisville, Ky., recently much excictement was caused by the entrance of a number of soldiers. While the athletes were throwing themselves into shapes in the air, a spangled tumbler approached an army officer sitting near the entrance, and remarked: "How are you, Colonel?" The officer recognized him as a man named Rose, who had deserted from his company in Chattanooga some weeks before, and turning to two noncommissioned officers ordered them to arrest the man as a deserter from the service. The soldiers seized Rose, and a struggle ensued, which attracted in a moment a half-dozen circus men, who attacked the soldiers furiously. The "boys in blue," tall, stalwart fellows, fought desperately, but were overpowered by numbers. The tumbler "tumbled" into the dressing-room, and, with his wardrobe under his arm, secreted himself, and then made his

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